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THE NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS LAW. By John J. Crawford, of the New York Bar. New York: Baker, Voorhis, & Co. 1897. pp. xx, 144.

THE CODIFIED NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS LAW. Edited by James W. Eaton, of the Albany Bar, and H. Noyes Greene, of the Troy Bar. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender. 1897. pp. 165.

The full text of the Negotiable Instruments Law, as recently enacted by the legislatures of New York, Connecticut, Colorado, and Florida, from the draft prepared by Mr. Crawford for the commissioners on uniformity of laws, is contained in each of these volumes. There are also in each volume full annotations, and a helpful index. The edition of Messrs. Eaton and Greene has, in addition, an appendix containing the New York Interest Laws. Mr. Crawford's book possesses special interest, from the fact that many of the annotations are his original notes to the draft of the act which he submitted to the conference of commissioners. Either volume will be found serviceable, not only by lawyers practising in States which have enacted this statute, but also by the profession generally.

H. D. H.

CASES ON THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND THE LAW OF PERSONS. By Edwin H. Woodruff, Professor of Law in Cornell University. New York: Baker, Voorhis, & Co. 1897. pp. xviii, 540.

A great deal of ground is attempted to be covered in this selection of cases, as can be seen from the headings of the chapters, which are: Contract to Marry; Contract of Marriage; Husband and Wife; Divorce and Separation; Parent and Child; Infancy; Insanity; Drunkenness; Aliens. Under these topics so many smaller divisions are treated that frequently only one or two cases, much condensed, are given on important single points. It would seem as if the student might be hurried along through the whole of a wide subject at a little too rapid a rate. The selection of the cases, however, appears to have been judicious.

R. G.

PROBATE REPORTS ANNOTATED. By Frank S. Rice. Vol. I. New York: Baker, Voorhis, & Co. 1897. pp. xxiv, 765.

The eight volumes of the American Probate Reports are well known to lawyers practising in the Probate Courts. This new series is a continuation of the older series of reports, in which fuller notes, a more careful selection of cases, more prompt publication, and the insertion of all dissenting opinions, are held out as substantial improvements. The last mentioned change, as is well pointed out by the editor in his preface, ought to be of great value.

R. G.

AMERICAN ELECTRICAL CASES. With Annotations. Edited by William W. Morrill. Volume VI. Albany: Matthew Bender. 1897. pp. xxvi, 929.

This stout volume contains all the American cases, except patent cases, on subjects relating to "the telegraph, the telephone, electric light and power, electric railways, and all other practical uses of electricity," decided from 1895 to 1897. It contains numerous long and carefully prepared notes. The series ought to prove useful to those lawyers having to deal with this class of cases.

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